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Moral Bravery



Bravery is knowing the right thing to do and doing it willingly in the face of considerable risk, and even fear, with the full knowledge of the risk. It is not fearlessness; being fearless in the face of danger is reckless or foolhardy and a man who does what he knows to be the right thing despite his fear is undoubtedly braver than the man who feels no fear. Many a brave soldier or firefighter has faced a hail of bullets or gone in to a burning building with great fear in his or her heart, but knowing it was the right thing to do. We usually think of bravery as involving physical risk such as injury or death, but there is also moral bravery, where we risk humiliation or the negative judgement of our friends, family or colleagues. For example, speaking an unpleasant but necessary truth, such as telling someone that what they are doing is wrong, as in blowing the whistle on illegal practices in the workplace. Doing the right thing frequently requires courage, because we are not always rewarded, and may even be punished or ostracized for doing so. St. Thomas Aquinas considered bravery to be crucial for the virtuous life precisely because a kind of moral or psychological courage is often necessary to carry out the other virtues. The good life requires fortitude and endurance because it is sometimes a long and hard journey, and one brave act does not make one brave.

*I have fought the good fight,
 I have finished the race,
 I have kept the faith.*
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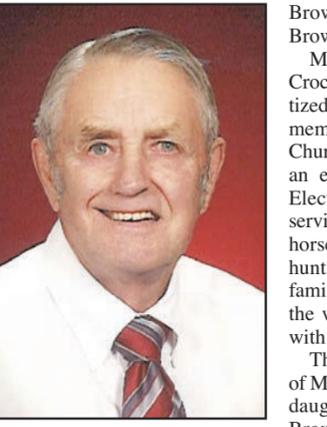
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Obituary

DON R. BROWN
 Don Robert Brown, of Crocker, was born on January 15, 1937, in Wagoner, Oklahoma a son of James Carl and Pluma (Carmack) Brown and departed this life at 2:10 a.m. on Friday morning, March 20, 2020 in the Richland Care Center. Mr. Brown had been in failing health and had attained the age of 83 years, two months and five days.
 Mr. Brown was united in marriage on July 2, 1955, in the Crocker Christian Church to Betty

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Jean Walters and to this union, three children were born. He was preceded in death by his wife on July 9, 2017; his father in 1986; his mother in 1996; four grandchildren, Jordan Larissa Brown, Thomas Scott Foster, Maxwell Owen Sheeley and Kayla Dawn Brown and one brother, Doyle J. Brown.

Mr. Brown was a graduate of the Crocker High School. He was baptized early in life and was a faithful member of the Crocker Christian Church. Mr. Brown had worked as an electric lineman for Laclede Electric retiring after 40 years of service. He loved gardening, riding horses, wood working, fishing, hunting and being surrounded by family. His most favorite time was the weekly Sunday dinners spent with family.

Those left to mourn the passing of Mr. Brown include two sons and daughters-in-law: Jim and Vicki Brown, Dixon; Joe and Lou Brown, Crocker; one daughter and son-in-law: Jill and Jeff Sheeley, Richland; one sister: Wilma Brown, Crocker; seven grandchildren: Kristina, Andrew, Brian, Jamie, Seth, Lucas and Lance; nine great-grandchildren, Elaina, Riley, Alli, Grayson, Olivia, Mya, Owen, Eastyn and Brooklyn and many other relatives and friends.

It is with heavy hearts, and keeping the well-being of others in mind, Mr. Brown's family will be having private family services for their father.

Private interment will be in the Crocker Cemetery under the direction of the Long-Kloeppel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Crocker. Pallbearers for Mr. Brown are Andrew Brown, Brian Brown, Seth Brown, Lucas Sheeley, Lance Sheeley, Brian Foster and Alex Shelton. Honorary pallbearers are

Grayson Shelton, Riley Foster, Eastyn Sheeley and Owen Sheeley.

Memorials are suggested by the family to the Crocker Christian Church or to the Richland Care Center.

Online condolence may be left for the family at longkloeppelfuneralhome.com

A private graveside cemetery service for family will be held at the Wheeler Cemetery in Dixon, on Thursday, March 26, at 11 am. Due to the Coronavirus, the family will be having a public memorial service to be announced at a later date.



MONA JONES

Mona D Jones was born on April 23, 1937 in Miller County, a daughter of Orville and Edith Copeland. She departed this life on March 22, 2020 and had attained the age of 82 years. She was united in marriage to Bill Jones on January 8, 1954 at Dixon, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her daughter: Carol Jones Pitts, her husband: Bill Jones, her parents:

Orville and Edith, and a brother: Donly Copeland.

Those left to mourn her passing include one brother: Burl Copeland (Wanda) of Dixon, sisters: Alma Hill of Iberia, Betty Blankenship (Berry) of Iberia, Joann Gallagher (Ray) of Salida, Colorado, Lemoine Lawson of Iberia, and Linda Prather of Brumley, one sister-in-law: Mary Copeland of Iberia, one son-in-law: Mark Pitts of Lebanon, two grandsons: Phillip and Michael Pitts, many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends, including many blue grass friends.

Mona was employed at the Brown Shoe Co. back in the latter 50's and 60's. She became a contract mail carrier along with her husband Bill for 35 years. She was also a member of the band Bill Jones and the Bluegrass Travelers for 50 plus years. She, along with her family, had won various awards for their traditional gospel bluegrass female singers, rhythm guitar, and band. Her joy was playing and singing in churches, bluegrass festivals and jam sessions. Mona was a member of the Santee Community Church since she was saved in 1955 and was very active in the church and it's music. Bill and Mona originated the Bluegrass Pickin' Time Festival in Dixon and ran it for 37 years. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Leadership Pulaski County is now accepting applications

Leadership Pulaski County is a community based leadership program designed to identify, educate, and develop leaders. The goal of Leadership Pulaski County is to identify community leaders, expand the leadership potential of participants by increasing their knowledge of Pulaski County, as well as connect current and potential leaders by improving communication. Sessions will introduce participants to the different aspects of leadership within Pulaski County as well as develop an awareness of the importance of leadership to the community's growth and development. Participants will be provided the opportunity to network with individuals that represent many different aspects of the community including business, government, military, and volunteer organizations. Leadership Pulaski County is designed to develop, inspire, and motivate the leaders of Pulaski County.

Leadership Pulaski County program participants are selected from



applications submitted to the selection committee based on merits through a highly competitive admissions process. Participants are expected to have established careers, demonstrate talent and leadership qualities, and participate in community activities. All participants must also demonstrate a personal commitment to serving the community, show potential for a significant role in the community in the future, and a willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to complete the program. The sponsoring organization or business must also fully support participation in Leadership Pulaski County.

Individuals from all aspects of Pulaski County are eligible to apply. The number of participants for each class is limited. **All applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2020 to be considered for the 2020-2021 class.**

For more information and application visit the Leadership Pulaski County web page at www.leadershippulaskicounty.org or come by the Chamber office at 137 St. Robert Blvd., Ste. B.

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